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For:

ULTRASONIC VIBRATION APPARATUS USE AS A SENSOR HAVING A PIEZOELECTRIC ELEMENT MOUNTED IN A CYLINDRICAL CASING AND

GROOVES FILLED WITH FLEXIBLE FILLER

Commissioner for Patent P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated December 3, 2002 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 8-11, 16-18, 22 and 23.

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[√] Enclosed

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